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TAGS: PGOV, PFOR, EAIR, WB, PL

SUBJ: POLISH INTEREST IN FLIGHTS TO WEST BERLIN?

1. FIRST SECRETARY WITOLD SEDZIWIY OF POLISH MILITARY  
MISSION IN WEST BERLIN QUESTIONED SENAT CHANCELLERY  
OFFICIAL RECENTLY CONCERNING ARTICLE IN SEPT 1975  
ISSUE OF "TOURIST AUSTRIA" REPORTING, ON BASIS OF  
WEST GERMAN SOURCES, THAT GDR HAD CHANGED ITS  
POSITION ON SUBJECT FLIGHTS TO AND FROM TEGEL  
AIRPORT IN WEST BERLIN (I.E., THAT IT WOULD NOW BE  
PREPARED TO GRANT OVERFLIGHT RIGHTS). SEDZIWIY SAID  
THAT HE DID NOT WANT TO CONCEAL FACT THAT POLAND COULD  
ALSO BE INTERESTED IN FLIGHTS FROM TEGEL BOTH TO  
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WEST AND EAST; HE WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE HEARING

SENAT POSITION ON THIS ARTICLE. CHANCELLERY OFFICIAL  
RESPONDED SIMPLY THAT HE WAS NOT FAMILIAR WITH  
ARTICLE AND THAT AVIATION MATTERS INVOLVED COMPETENCE  
OF NUMBER OF DIFFERENT AUTHORITIES.

2. COMMENT: THIS IS TO OUR KNOWLEDGE FIRST, ALBEIT  
VAGUE, EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN NON-THREE POWER  
FLIGHTS TO WEST BERLIN ON PART OF SOVIET BLOC NATION --  
WHICH WOULD NORMALLY BE EXPECTED TO SUPPORT SOVIET-  
GDR POLICY OF EXPANDING USE OF GDR'S SCHOENEFELD  
AIRPORT TO DETRIMENT OF TEGEL. IT MAY, OF COURSE,  
PROVE TO BE WITHOUT SUBSTANCE. NEVERTHELESS,  
SEDZIWY (NUMBER TWO IN POLISH MISSION) HAS LOCAL  
REPUTATION FOR BEING RELIABLE AND WELL-INFORMED AND  
WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HEARING WHETHER EMBASSY  
WARSAW HAS BY CHANCE PICKED UP ANY  
CORROBORATORY EVIDENCE OF POLISH INTEREST IN SUCH  
FLIGHTS.

3. WE ARE FRANKLY SKEPTICAL OF "TOURIST AUSTRIA'S"  
INFORMATION WHICH APPEARS TO BE A REPLAY  
OF LAST SUMMER'S ERRONEOUS REPORT THAT HONECKER  
HAD ALLEGEDLY TOLD VISITORS TO THE LEIPZIG FAIR  
FRG FLIGHTS TO TEGEL WERE POSSIBLE. GEORGE

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